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#### **Respond to the Federal Communications Commission's Audit or Risk Losing your Spectrum**

On August 1, 2001, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) released Public Notice DA 01-1575. In this notice, the FCC's Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (WTB) announced an audit to update and increase the integrity of the data within their Private Land Mobile Radio (PLMR) database for stations operating on channels below 512 megahertz.

The FCC conducted the audit by sending letters, beginning August 2001 and ending January 2002, to each PLMR license holder in this spectrum. Respondents must verify that their stations have been constructed and operating within the guidelines of the Commission and according to the terms of their license. **The audit required a response within 60 days of the date of each letter.**

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woman, or child  
should lose his  
or her life  
because public  
safety officials  
cannot talk to  
one another."*

Currently, the Commission has received responses from only 54 percent of the more than 56,000 public safety licensees contacted. The FCC has reported difficulties stemming from mail delivery and the inaccuracy of licensee information. They remind respondents that they must keep license information accurate and may update that information on the Commission's Web site. The Commission plans to conduct a second mailing in the upcoming months to licensees that have not responded. The mailings will also include license holders that have recently renewed their licenses or changed other information.

*The FCC notes that failure to respond to the audit may result in forfeiture or cancellation of the authorization for the listed stations.* More information on the audit and a station's status, please visit <http://wireless.fcc.gov/plmrs/audit.html>, or you may call 1-888-225-5322 and select option 2.